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MAIL STOP PATENT APPLICATION

Commissioner for Patents
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Re: Application of Yoshiyuki TANAKA, Masanori KITAICHI, Tomizo SOTA,
Tatsuya MORIKAWA, Toshio SOGABE and Mitsuru KISHINE
METHOD OF REDUCING METAL CONTENT IN FLUORINE-CONTAINING
ELASTOMER

Assignee: DAIKIN INDUSTRIES, LTD.

Our Ref: Q79372

Dear Sir:

This is a request for a Divisional Application of pending prior Application No. 09/646,969 (Confirmation No. 2589) filed September 25, 2000 of Yoshiyuki TANAKA, Masanori KITAICHI, Tomizo SOTA, Tatsuya MORIKAWA, Toshio SOGABE and Mitsuru KISHINE, entitled METHOD OF REDUCING METAL CONTENT IN FLUORINE-CONTAINING ELASTOMER, which is a 371 of PCT Application No. PCT/JP99/01517 filed March 24, 1999, incorporated herein by reference.

This application is being filed under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b). Enclosed is fifty-six (56) pages of the specification, including the claims and abstract, one (1) sheet of drawings (Figures 1), and a Preliminary Amendment. Also enclosed is a copy of the Declaration as filed in the prior application, a copy of the Assignment, and an Information Disclosure Statement along with PTO/SB/08 A & B (modified) (substitute for PTO Form 1449) listing references cited by the Applicant and/or the Examiner during prosecution of the prior application.

The prior application is assigned to Group Art Unit 1713.

Priority is claimed from:

<u>Country</u>	<u>Application No</u>	<u>Filing Date</u>
Japan	77235/1998	March 25, 1998
Japan	5877/1999	January 12, 1999

Receipt of the certified copies of the priority documents was acknowledged in parent Application No. 09/646,969 (Paper No. 8).



Divisional Application of U.S. Application No. 09/646,969

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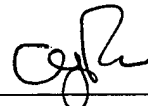
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A check for the statutory fee of \$770.00 is attached. The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account. A duplicate copy of this transmittal letter is attached.

The application is timely filed.

Respectfully submitted,

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